

your Bill of Rights, you can demonstrate, you can sign petitions, you can get in touch with your congressman, you can do a whole lot of things and not sit still and watch the war make you a victim. Do not be a victim; be a soldier.

I am happy to point out in closing in New York City we have several different regions, battlefields. We have a battlefield that is being commanded by General Pataki in the State government; we have a battlefield that is being commanded by General Giuliani in the city government. The people of New York City are under attack by generals in this war who all share the same philosophy as the Speaker. The elite minority is in charge of the city hall in New York City. The elite minority is in charge of the Governor's Mansion in Albany, the capital of New York. So we are under attack from three different battle scenes, three different generals are pressing a campaign down upon the people. The majority are under attack.

I am pleased to announce that I attended a press conference yesterday by a group called the Same Boat Coalition, little groups that have gotten together more than 100 strong who want to fight back, and I give you this example because it has to happen all over America. Unless you understand what is going on, unless you say I am going to fight for myself, unless you understand I want to be a citizen soldier, there is a war, and I am going to either be the victim or I am going to be a soldier, and we must get up and become soldiers, then you will not be able to overcome what is about to happen.

So I congratulate the Same Boat Coalition and I close with a statement from their mission statement. The Same Boat Coalition is primarily designed to fight the cuts at the New York City and New York State level. But the New York City and New York State cuts are being driven by the cuts in Washington. Medicaid is a major problem, and the cuts in Medicaid are being invited by the mayor of New York City. He said make more cuts because when the Federal Government cuts the city has to spend less. The Governor said make more cuts in Medicaid; we will be happy to spend less; make more cuts in Medicare. Our hospitals are in danger. There is talk of selling the hospitals in order to make ends meet. All kinds of draconian measures are under way and it started here in Washington, the tone was set here. This is a war declared here and they have generals who are waging the battle against the people at every level. So the Same Boat Coalition, this group of more than 100 organizations have issued the following mission statement, and I will read partially from it.

#### THE SAME BOAT COALITION MISSION STATEMENT

The United States is at a crossroads. This generation must choose the future course of our society—whether toward greater social

justice, enfranchisement and well-being for all, or toward a more oppressive and distressed society with material, cultural and spiritual impoverishment for all but a wealthy few—and escalating pandemic of illness and violence. At all three levels of government, the quality of life is under assault.

Confronted by this challenge, we have come together on the following principles:

Everyone has a right to an adequate standard of living, including a decent job and income security, sufficient food, safe and affordable housing, access to quality education and health care, and a sound environment. Our tax dollars, collected equitably and distributed fairly, would enable these rights to be realized. In our society, so rich in natural, human and capital resources, we reject as baseless the logic of scarcity.

Our society cannot flourish while many among us lack the basic necessities. All but the wealthiest of us are vulnerable to loss of employment and to costly illness or injury. Entitlements to food, shelter, health care and other basic necessities are essential protections that must remain public priorities, never to be stripped away.

Ours is an interdependent, democratic society, where each of us is secure only so long as the liberty and well-being of all of us are protected. In innumerable ways, we are all in the same boat. We oppose restrictions of our most basic freedoms, the destruction of hard-won safeguards to ensure equal access, and the exclusion of immigrants from our national vision. Governments must be held responsible for protecting and promoting the fundamental human rights, dignity, personal security and welfare of all.

We are a diverse coalition of individuals and organizations, including students, trade unionists and other working people, unemployed, social workers, religious groups, health workers, teachers and professors, community developers, environmentalists, legal services workers, small business people, advocates, people of all ages, races, ethnicities and religions, lesbian, gay and straight, people with disabilities, mothers, fathers and children. In the face of wide-ranging attacks on these principles, we are united in a struggle to take back our city, our state and our country.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to go back to my beginning. We are at the beginning of a process, of a budget and appropriations process, which is the most important process undertaken in our Government each year. The Speaker of the House of Representatives has stated that politics is war without blood. It is important that every American understand that, and come out to participate in the war that is going to decide your fate. You must know what is in the budget, you must insist that the budget can be balanced. The budget can be balanced in 10 years without hardships, without suffering if you balance the tax burden. If you balance the tax burden and have corporations pay as much as families pay, balance the tax burden and you can balance the budget.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. OWENS) to revise and ex-

tend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, on June 7 and 8.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOSS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mrs. KELLY in two instances.

Mr. GALLEGLY in two instances.

Mr. BEREUTER.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OWENS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. PICKETT in two instances.

Mr. SCHUMER in two instances.

Mr. WARD.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. TUCKER.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. COYNE.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. WYDEN.

Mr. COSTELLO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OWENS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. MORAN.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

Mr. CLAY.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1158. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred at Oklahoma City, and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 7, 1995, at 12 noon.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from